



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-07

WHEREAS, extreme drought conditions are being experienced by southwest North Dakota counties, ravaging crop lands, pastures and forage; and

WHEREAS, spring flooding as a result of excessive precipitation and severe weather have negatively impacted agriculture practices in 16 north central and northeastern North Dakota counties and the Spirit Lake Nation, which are part of a Presidential Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, declare an agricultural emergency exists within the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I order that all state departments and administrators maintain agricultural drought and flooding response resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 25th day of June 2004.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Secretary of State